

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A portable, adaptable gaming plane, said gaming plane providing an area upon which to draw an erasable maps, said map having starting area and an ending area for strategy games played by one or more players comprising a plurality of interconnecting tiles, each of said tiles being a substantially non-flexible tile and comprising:
  - a. at least three edges comprising means for interconnecting;
  - b. a substantially non-porous surface compatible with the use of a dry-erase marker such that marks upon said surface made using said dry-erase marker are easily erased; and
  - c. a grid perceptible on said surface, said grid formed by delineations such that said delineations align with delineations forming like grids perceptible on like tiles interconnected with said tile; and

whereby a map is drawn upon said surface using said dry-erase marker, and, in response to said one or more players progressing through said map to said ending area, a previously used tile is removed from said gaming plane, said previously used tile is erased, and reinserted into said gaming plane at a location proximal to said ending area, and a continuation of said map is drawn upon said tile.
2. (Original) The portable, adaptable gaming plane of Claim 1, wherein said means for interconnecting comprises:
  - a. shaped projections extending centrifugally from adjacent edges of said tile; and

- b. mouths recessing centripetally from edges of said tile opposite said adjacent edges, said mouths configured to lockingly receive shaped projections extending from said other like tiles.
- 3. (Previously presented) The portable, adaptable gaming plane of Claim 2, wherein said tile comprises a substrate upon which is disposed said grid and wherein said surface is achieved by overlaying a substantially non-porous cladding upon said substrate such that said grid is perceptible through said substantially non-porous cladding.
- 4. (Original) The portable, adaptable gaming plane of Claim 1, wherein said grid comprises one of a Cartesian grid and a honeycomb grid formed by said delineations.
- 5. (Previously presented) The portable, adaptable gaming plane of Claim 4, wherein said tile comprises a substrate upon which is disposed said grid and wherein said surface is achieved by overlaying a substantially non-porous cladding upon said substrate such that said grid is perceptible through said substantially non-porous cladding.
- 6. (Original) The portable, adaptable gaming plane of Claim 5, wherein said means for interconnecting comprises:
  - a. shaped projections extending centrifugally from adjacent edges of said tile; and
  - b. mouths recessing centripetally from edges of said tile opposite said adjacent edges, said mouths configured to lockingly receive shaped projections extending from said other like tiles.

7. (Original) The portable, adaptable gaming plane of Claim 5, wherein said means for interconnecting comprises:
  - a. at least one peg extending centrifugally from at least one edge of said tile; and
  - b. at least one aperture recessing centripetally from at least one edge of said tile, said at least one aperture configured to lockingly receive a similarly configured peg extending from said other like tiles.
8. (Original) The portable, adaptable gaming plane of Claim 7, wherein said at least one peg further comprises a ball located at an end of said at least one peg distally from said tile center.
9. (Original) The portable, adaptable gaming plane of Claim 5, wherein said means for interconnecting comprises
  - a. tongues extending centrifugally from adjacent edges of said tile; and
  - b. grooves recessing centripetally from edges of said tile opposite said adjacent edges, said grooves configured to lockingly receive tongues extending from said other like tiles.
10. (Original) The portable, adaptable gaming plane of Claim 5, wherein said means for interconnecting comprises:
  - a. a first magnetic material having a polarity disposed on an at least one edge of said tile; and
  - b. second magnetic material having an opposite polarity to that of said first magnetic material disposed on an at least one edge of said tile.

11. (Currently amended) A tile for use in assembling a portable, adaptable gaming plane, said tile being a substantially non-flexible tile, said gaming plane providing an area upon which to draw an erasable maps, said map having a starting area and an ending area, for strategy games played by one or more players, said tile comprising:
- a. at least three edges comprising means for interconnecting a plurality of like tiles therewith;
  - b. a substantially non-porous surface compatible with the use of a dry-erase marker such that marks upon said surface made using said dry-erase marker are easily erased; and
  - c. a grid perceptible on said surface, said grid formed by delineations such that said delineations align with delineations forming like grids perceptible on said like tiles interconnected with said tile irrespective of relative orientations of said tile and said like tiles; and
- whereby a map is drawn upon said surface using said dry-erase marker, and, in response to said one or more players progressing through said map to said ending area, a previously used tile is removed from said gaming plane, said previously used tile is erased, and reinserted into said gaming plane at a location proximal to said ending area, and a continuation of said map is drawn upon said tile.
12. (Previously presented) The tile of Claim 11, wherein said means for interconnecting other like tiles therewith comprises:
- a. shaped projections extending centrifugally from adjacent edges of said tile; and

- b. mouths recessing centripetally from edges of said tile opposite said adjacent edges, said mouths configured to lockingly receive shaped projections extending from said plurality of like tiles.
13. (Previously presented) The tile of Claim 12, wherein said tile comprises a substrate upon which is disposed said grid and wherein said surface is achieved by overlaying a substantially non-porous cladding upon said substrate such that said grid is perceptible through said substantially non-porous cladding.
14. (Previously presented) The tile of Claim 11, wherein said grid comprises one of a Cartesian grid and a honeycomb grid formed by said delineations.
15. (Previously presented) The tile of Claim 14, wherein said tile comprises a substrate upon which is disposed said grid and wherein said surface is achieved by overlaying a substantially non-porous cladding upon said substrate such that said grid is perceptible through said substantially non-porous cladding.
16. (Previously presented) The tile of Claim 15, wherein said means for interconnecting said plurality of like tiles therewith comprises:
- a. shaped projections extending centrifugally from adjacent edges of said tile; and
  - b. mouths recessing centripetally from edges of said tile opposite said adjacent edges, said mouths configured to lockingly receive shaped projections extending from said other like tiles.

17. (Previously presented) The tile of Claim 15, wherein said means for interconnecting said plurality of like tiles therewith comprises:
  - a. at least one peg extending centrifugally from at least one edge of said tile; and
  - b. at least one aperture recessing centripetally from at least one edge of said tile, said at least one aperture configured to lockingly receive a similarly configured peg extending from said other like tiles.
18. (Previously presented) The tile of Claim 17, wherein said at least one peg further comprises a ball located at an end of said at least one peg distally from said tile center.
19. (Previously presented) The tile of Claim 15, wherein said means for interconnecting said plurality of like tiles therewith comprises
  - a. tongues extending centrifugally from adjacent edges of said tile; and
  - b. grooves recessing centripetally from edges of said tile opposite said adjacent edges, said grooves configured to lockingly receive tongues extending from said other like tiles.
20. (Previously presented) The tile of Claim 15, wherein said means for interconnecting said plurality of like tiles therewith comprises:
  - a. a first magnetic material having a polarity disposed on an at least one edge of said tile; and
  - b. second magnetic material having an opposite polarity to that of said first magnetic material disposed on an at least one edge of said tile.